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TO: Distribution

FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: The Space Florida/UKTI Space Sector Mission Dinner, March 30, 2011

Space Florida and UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) will host a Space Sector Mission Dinner at the Fat Snook Restaurant in Cocoa Beach, Florida on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. UKTI is the leading United Kingdom agency in science and technology. The Mission Dinner will be a widely attended gathering of approximately 35 guests including Space Florida, UKTI personnel, the International Space Innovation Centre, state and local officials, NASA personnel, other Federal officials, and contractor representatives. The cost of the dinner is approximately \$15 to \$30 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is Agency interests in having NASA personnel attend the event. This event will allow NASA to showcase emerging technologies for the collaboration of more aerospace companies in Florida. I find that attendance will allow attendees to disseminate information on NASA's ongoing activities and to discuss matters of mutual interest with a diverse group. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office. NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation of free attendance to the event.


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